San Marcos Downtown Master Plan November 2007 Worksession Topic Summary from DOT Exercise

PARKING MANAGEMENT

Create a parking strategy that includes installing meters and land acquisition for surface lots and future mixed use development with parking garage.

Don't conduct another parking study.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Prepare a stormwater management and water quality master plan to protect the river. Coordinate drainage CIP projects with overall Downtown Master Plan recommendations.

TRANSPORTATION

Change Guadalupe and LBJ from one-way streets to two-way streets. Plan downtown as a multi-modal district (i.e., pedestrian, bicycle, transit, automobile)

TRANSIT

Fund operation and maintenance cost for commuter rail.

PARKS & RECREATION

Further enhance hike and bike trails, and improve connections to downtown and surrounding amenities. Coordinate drainage CIP projects with overall Downtown Master Plan recommendations.

UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Consider relocating or burying electrical lines in coordination with street infrastructure projects. Coordinate drainage CIP projects with overall Downtown Master Plan recommendations.

STREETSCAPES

Create gateways into downtown especially from IH-35 and implement a signage and way-finding system. (This could be coordinated with city branding initiative.). Coordinate drainage CIP projects with overall Downtown Master Plan recommendations.

LAND DEVELOPMENT

Increase height limit in height overlay district. (Recommendation is to increase to about 6 stories).

Don't increase height limit in height overlay district.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Create a management district (i.e., Municipal Management District, Public Improvement District, Business Improvement District, Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone, etc.). Create strategies and offer incentives to attract developers and other business to downtown.